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Those Reliable (?) Daily Newspapers!

New York.—The nation's press was wearing sackcloth and ashes the morning after President Truman's astonishing electoral victory. Never had the "power of the press" looked so dim as in the early morning light of Nov. 3, when it became apparent that the thousands of stories already written in complacent anticipation of a Dewey victory would become so much scrap paper and those big black headlines chortling over a GOP sweep would never roll off the presses.

A typical hair-tearing wail arose from New York Daily News columnist John O'Donnell. Wallowing in self-criticism, O'Donnell publicly asked himself: "How is it possible to be so utterly, completely, downright wrong as this political reporter was when he believed and wrote that Dewey would win by a landslide?"

EXTRA, EXTRA!

That was the \$64 question in newsrooms all over the country. It was the \$128 question in the offices of Col. Robert R. McCormick's Chicago Tribune which—twice as wrong as any other paper—had its early editions out on the streets with headlines proclaiming a Dewey-Warren victory.

The cartoonist for the diehard Republican New York Sun was so completely overcome by the Truman upset that he was unable to take pencil in hand and draw a substitute cartoon for his premature Dewey victory cartoon. Instead, his customary space on the editorial page was left blank, filled in only by the words: "Rube Goldberg regrets."

8 TO 1 FOR TOM

While most editorial writers were still catching their breath Nov. 3 and sadly ruminating over whether their predictions of a GOP victory had not injected Tom Dewey with a fatal dose of overconfidence, an Editor & Publisher survey released two days before the elections remained to taunt them.

Steps to secure a charter from the State Building Trades Council were taken by the Salinas building trades officials at the last meeting. The group now is meeting as a committee under the Central Labor Council at Salinas.

Efforts by Painters' Union 1104 to secure a signed agreement with Wharton's Linoleum Shop, 627 East Alisal Street, Salinas, have been unsuccessful. Union Business Agent Lara reports, in urging that union people patronize only the union linoleum shops in the area, the Salinas Linoleum Shop and the Lay-Rite Linoleum Shop.

Rose Veet Tells Of 'Good Old Days' In the Canneries

In a letter to the editor, Peter A. Andrade, secretary-treasurer of Local 890, told of conditions in the cannery industry in the "good old days" of the '90s, as seen through the eyes of Rose Veet, who worked for Hunt Brothers in Hayward in 1897-98.

Rose, presently employed at the Frank Rafter Canning Co., Salinas, recalls those days all too well. At the time the regular hourly rate for women was 7 cents. There was no such thing as overtime. Piece work rates: Peaches (\$1.40) 7 cents per 60-lb. lug; Cling, including paring, ringing, hand cutting and hand peeling, 10 cents per box.

Tomatoes were paid for at the rate of 2½ cents per bucket, including complete preparation.

During this same period Rose Veet's dad was in the cattle business. He sold three-year-olds on the hoof for \$8.00 a head.

This gives a good indication of the advancement of organized labor in the cannery industry since that time.

Rose Veet, 65 years old, is still considered a top hand at the cannery. She is active and completely appreciates the union and the benefits it has procured for all cannery workers.

Monterey Bar Union Affair Tuesday Night

Plans were complete for the Monterey Culinary-Bartenders Union 483 affair at Monterey Legion Hall on Tuesday night of this week. Business Representative George L. Rice reported.

The affair will include dancing, entertainment and other attractions. Advance ticket sale indicated a record turnout, Rice said.

Can Take It!

Carl Lara, business manager of two major Salinas unions, Electricians 243 and Painters 1104, gets his share of "ribbing"—and he can take it! Latest tease is the nickname for Carl of "Mr. D. L. & W." Co-workers dubbed him this after press of business prevented the union from making an appointment. The translation is: "Mr. Delay, Linger and Wait!"

Roofers Name Powell Agent

William W. Powell, Box 696, Seaside (Monterey) has been named financial secretary and business representative of Roofers' Union 50, it was reported last week. Powell's telephone number is 21266.

UNIONS DONATE WORK, TALENT FOR BIG BENEFIT

Unions in the Monterey area donated music and labor to the mammoth benefit ball at Fort Ord's Soldiers Club last weekend, the affair sponsored by the Inter-Club Council of Monterey, civic club unification group.

Two bands were sent to the affair, known officially as the Armed Services YMCA Benefit Ball, by Musicians Union 616, including those conducted by Ernie Scully and Bill Pierce.

Culinary-Bartenders Union 483 had a number of members volunteer as bartenders for the affair and others for check room duty.

Gene King, member of Local 483 and known as "The Singing Bartender," was to entertain.

The tavern owners' association donated beverages for the soldiers and the Bartenders' Union supplied the necessary glasses for the drinks.

Listed by Secretary George Rice as bartenders for the affair were Art Jiminez, George Love, Irvin Lamb, George Gun, Wes Lane, Bill Fulcher, James McNally, Floyd Lynch and Rice. Other bartenders were not listed in time for publication.

Named as check room girls were Mary Rice, Penny Caldwell, Crystal Ross, Louise Raines, Essie Buel, Edna Cook and Wilberta Taylor.

PAINTERS 1104 SEEKS CONTRACT FOR GLAZIERS

Negotiations are underway for a union agreement with glass and glazing shops in the Salinas area covering glaziers who are members of Painters' Union 1104 of Salinas, Business Agent Carl Lara of the union reports.

In the first agreement in Salinas, Lara is seeking to get conditions similar to those in the San Francisco agreement for glaziers.

Shops affected include Fuller Paint Co., Salinas Glass Shop and McWilliams Glass Shop. Later negotiations will be underway for the auto glass specialty shops, Lara said.

Hewitt Painting Co. of Los Angeles is painting the new Grayson Shops unit in the South Main Street business development, using four local men.

Jack Bickford, local painter, is making good progress on the painting of the new building for the Salinas Californian.

Party Success Told by Salinas Bartender Union

Success of the Election Day barbecue outing and party held by Bartenders Union 545 of Salinas was reported by Secretary Al Clark of the union.

The affair was held at Salinas Golf and Country Club and attracted a good crowd of union members, friends and special guests. A number of employers were in the crowd, Clark added.

Excellent meat and plenty of "trimmings" made the dinner a success, it was reported.

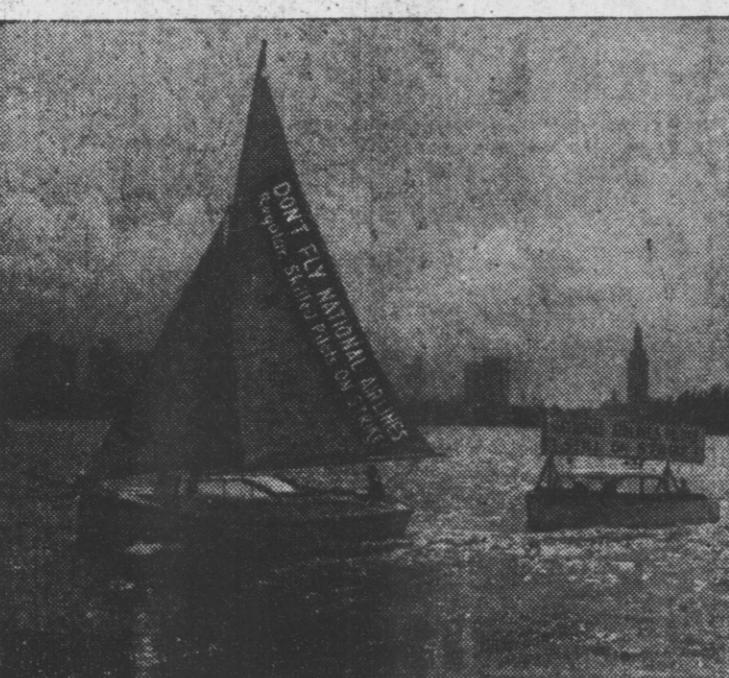
Visitors included Mildred Rowe, secretary of Santa Cruz County Culinary-Bartender Union 345 who has been ill and attended this as his final function upon recovery.

Other guests included Bertha Boles, secretary of Salinas Culinary Alliance 467; Roland Caron, business agent of the Santa Cruz local; Ethel Alcorn and Holman Day, officials of Fresh Vegetable Workers' Union 912; Al Harris, Pete Andrade, W. G. Kenyon and Glen Wilkerson, all of General Teamsters Union 890.

Dry Cleaners Reject Offer By Employers

Negotiations between Dry Cleaners' Union 258-B and the dry cleaning industry in the Salinas area were expected to get underway again this week following vote by members of the union to reject the employer offer of 5 cents per hour increase.

The union, according to Bertha Boles, local representative, had asked 25 cents hourly increase. The nickel offer was a counter proposal by the industry. Further meetings in an effort to reach a compromise are expected, she said.



BY LAND, BY AIR, AND NOW BY SEA!—Striking members of Air Line Pilots Assn. (AFL) have come up with another new wrinkle in picketing. The pilots, who have been walking and flying pickets, have introduced seagoing picketlines in the tenth month of their strike against National Airlines. 0

Fat Corporations Conceal Big Profits

Detroit (LPA)—Most published corporation financial reports are "an insult to the intelligence of the general public and the corporation's employees," United Auto Workers Research Director Nat Weinberg told the Public Relations Society of America, meeting here last week.

Weinberg warned that corporation reports, especially those intended for employee consumption, are "designed to deceive." The UAW

Because of the high level of employment prevailing in September, fewer applicants contacted the Industrial and Farm Labor Office, and a substantial number of those who did were migrants and persons who are seeking employment to supplement their family incomes. The number of unfilled job openings at the end of September decreased slightly to 75 and these consist largely of jobs for which there is a local shortage, such as stenographers, skilled construction workers, specialized sales people, automotive repairmen, nurses and medical technicians.

The election sweep extended to California, where nine labor-supported Congress candidates were swept into office. Labor-baiting B. W. Gearhart of the 8th District in the central valley went down before Democrat Cecil White, through a united farmer-labor campaign. Veteran Frank R. Havenner of San Francisco was returned, in the face of a bitter smear campaign.

In Los Angeles Helen Douglas licked her Republican opponent, as did Chet Holifield, Harry R. Shepard, Cecil King, and Clyde Doyle, the latter unseating reactionary Willard Bradley in San Diego. Three labor-backed candidates who accepted IPP support, were defeated, Buel Gallagher of Oakland, Ned Healey and Ellis Patterson of L. A.

Start of the new Castroville School construction, another Stoltz project.

Plans for ten new cottages at Castroville by Roberti, the plumber.

Construction of the new Salinas swimming pool at Sherwood Park, also a Stoltz project.

Plans for some 20 small homes in Mission Park by Pacific Builders.

Construction of curbs, gutters and sidewalks in the Mission Park area, also by Pacific Builders.

Installation of curbs and gutters in Mayfair Park, near Sanborn Road, another Pacific Builders project.

Further nominations will be taken at the November 15 meeting with the election by ballot at the first December meeting.

In the first nominations, Virgil Knight, now vice president, was nominated for the presidency. Harold Tribe and Tiny Aikens were nominated for the vice presidency, and Secretary-Representative Clark was unopposed. Further nominations may change the picture, Clark points out. Others to be elected include the chaplain, trustees, executive board and local joint members.

At the nomination meeting, business included decision to assist the benefit party given by Ocean Park Local 815 to raise funds for underprivileged children, Local 545 purchased tickets for the affair.

Sponsored by the Mutual Association of the Monterey Bay Area, the coming meeting is for the purpose of consideration of problems faced by smaller unions of the craft in the state.

Named to the committee were Lester Caveny, secretary of the Fish Cannery Workers' Union;

Peter A. Andrade, secretary of the Teamsters, 890, and George Rice, secretary of Culinary-Bartenders 483. Ex-officio members will be Council President, Ernie Winters, of the Typographical Union, and Secretary, Wayne Edwards, of the Teachers' Union.

Council President Winters was a visitor at last week's Building Trades Council meeting, speaking briefly on need for closer cooperation between the two councils.

Machinists Win Union Shop Vote, Sign Greyhound

Machinists-Mechanics Union 1824 has won a union shop election conducted by the National Labor Relations Board under the Taft-Hartley Act at the Standard Machine and Manufacturing Co. of Salinas, Business Agent Woodward of the Salinas union reported.

Woodward said the vote was unanimous for the union shop in the election.

A new agreement has been negotiated by Labor 1824 for mechanics at the Pacific Greyhound Lines shop in Salinas, Woodward added. Wage increases and paid holidays were won in the agreement, he added.

Philadelphia was the convention scene for the Democratic, Republican and newly-formed Progressive parties.

LABOR MARKET BULLETIN

(SALINAS AREA)

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Employment in the Salinas Valley was at its peak in September

and is expected to remain at a

high level until late November

when seasonal employment will de-

cline rapidly. The only changes in

labor requirements anticipated until

then are in the construction and

fresh packing industries. The

number of unemployed continued

to decrease during the month until

a new low for the year was reached.

Unemployment insurance and

servicemen's readjustment allow-

ance claims indicate that there are

less than 700 unemployed persons

who are actively in the labor mar-

ket, and over half of these are

women affected by the lettuce

packing situation.

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

Whole seasonal activities will de-

cline within the next 60 days, con-

struction employment will expand

since there is over 60 million dol-

lars in industrial and institutional

construction to be started imme-

diately. Employment during the

coming winter will apparently be

at a much higher level than a year

ago.

A HOUSE-CLEANING

Labor's spirited campaign elected

Truman and cleaned house in Con-

gress in spite of a divided party

and all the wealth and the news-

papers in opposition. It was a vote

of labor and the little people for a

big term of the New Deal.

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OUR PEOPLE DID IT

Dumfounded and very visibly surprised at our recent election upset, which put the Republicans out and put the Democrats back in again, the American people have been asking how it happened.

Newspapers, poll makers and commentators had been working overtime telling everybody that the Republicans had it in the bag. Yet that party was unceremoniously swept out of power, both nationally and in many state governments as well.

On Nov. 2nd it was the American people who did the talking. All the others had had their say and made their cocksure predictions. But on election day it was the American voters who did the talking. Instead of being swayed by talk and extravagant predictions they voted their convictions. The result was one of the most striking upsets in American political history.

It was the plain people who talked with their ballots at this election regardless of what the prognosticators had predicted. The people won a sweeping victory, which was little expected by most people. It proves that our people can and do rule whenever they take a notion to turn out and vote their convictions.

LET DEMOCRATS KEEP FAITH

Once more the Democratic party has been returned to power. It should be realized that this was not done nearly so much because of either confidence or faith in this party since death took its former leader, Franklin D. Roosevelt, as because of the prevailing conviction that the Republican party is hopelessly worse, as was so clearly demonstrated by the 80th Congress of which the Republican party had a clear majority in both houses.

Another opportunity is now being given the Democratic party to carry out their pre-election party platform pledges. When the 81st Congress meets in January the political party which will control it will have the opportunity to fulfill pledges and should lose no time in repealing the Taft-Hartley law, get an adequate housing program under way, establish rigorous price control to stop further inflation, set up a comprehensive health insurance plan, and complete other badly needed legislation now sleeping in the pigeonhole archives of Congress.

Unless the democrats do these promised acts very promptly, when they take over, not only labor but a lot of other Americans are apt to start a stampede to a third party. The only reason why any party should be retained in power is that those elected have kept faith with the people whose votes placed them in positions of power. Elected officials who treat pre-election pledges slightly do not deserve to be re-elected.

G.O.P. GETS MANDATE

At this year's presidential election just held the G. O. P. was given a stinging mandate by the American people to go way back and sit down, while the Democratic party was again authorized to take over. Not only was Truman reelected but both houses swung over to the side of the Democrats, while the people of a number of states now defeated the incumbents and turned over their state governments to the Democratic party.

For the past two years we have been continually hearing that the American people had given the G. O. P. a mandate in the election of 1946 to pass such nefarious legislation as the Taft-Hartley bill and the other monstrosities put over by the 80th Congress, to say nothing of the inexcusable failure of this Congress to maintain price control, adopt a vigorous housing program, and accord labor a square deal. Now the new Congress stands instructed to repeal the Taft-Hartley law and resume where Franklin Roosevelt left off.

If the election just held means anything it is that the G. O. P. should lay off on its anti-labor program and once more permit the hard-earned rights of labor to be recognized. For two years it has been doing the bidding of the National Association of Manufacturers in their fight to wreck labor unions. Let us have no more meetings of Congress until the 81st Congress takes over.

LABOR STRONG POLITICALLY

What was demonstrated in the upset that has just returned Truman to the White House for another four years was that labor really has the power to swing elections their way, when they put forth the effort and present something like a united front.

In other countries labor parties are in complete control of various governments. The trend that way is continually increasing. Labor rules in England, Australia and the Scandinavian countries. In many other countries labor is becoming the most dominating political factor. Labor should take the necessary steps to become such a factor in the United States permanently.

LABOR NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

(San Francisco, Nov. 8)
BRICKLAYERS will consider a proposal to increase present death benefit payments to families at the State Conference of Bricklayers to be held Nov. 12-13 in San Diego. Current benefit is \$700.

BOOT GEARHART was the rally cry in the central valley area before the election which resulted in labor and farmers of the Modesto-Fresno area ousting the old Republican wheehorse and enemy of social security, Cong. B. W. Gearhart, and electing Democrat Cecil F. White in one of the state's biggest political upsets.

PLUMBERS and Pipefitters of Northern California are getting a 12½-cent pay raise, to \$2.50, effective Oct. 27, as the result of pay talks with AGC employers.

BUILDING TRADESMEN of California will convene at the State AFL Building Trades conference in Fresno on Nov. 27-28, according to a call issued by Pres. Frank Lawrence who was recently elected to fill the post vacated by the late Frank C. MacDonald.

MASS GRADUATION of apprentices is becoming a popular method of publicizing AFL apprenticeship training in the community. Latest such ceremony to be announced is that for 500 trainees to be held in Burlingame High School on November 17.

DRAFT BOARDS should have representation by organized labor, AFL unions in San Jose believe, and the central council has named a committee to recommend names for these boards.

STATE CARPENTERS will hold their convention in San Jose next March. San Jose District Council has begun plans to entertain the 500 delegates and their families.

TILE LAYERS of 13 Northern California counties have signed for a new scale of \$2.67½. The new agreement stabilizes conditions and provides for dispute-settling machinery by which unsolved local beefs will go to the International and the Tile Contractors Assn. of America.

MUSIC MAKERS of Calif., Ariz., and Nevada will gather in San Jose the last weekend in February, San Jose AFM Local 153 is making plans.

BIG POWER JOBS are slated by PG&E, \$50 million steam generating plants at Moss Landing and at Antioch. Some men have been called for the job on Monterey Bay, and both are expected to be in full blast early in the new year.

AFL METAL TRADES have sparked a drive by which some 30,000 civil service workers employed in Bay Area Navy bases will receive an average 12½ cent or 8 per cent wage increase effective November 15.

AFL GRAIN MILLERS at Vallejo have won an NLRB vote 237 to 1 at the local Sperry mill. The local has a new charter, being formerly Flour and Cereal Workers 20397.

ELECTRICIANS in Contra Costa, Solano, and Napa counties have gained a dime boost to \$2.50 effective Nov. 1.

VALLEJO AFLERS are jubilant over electing their man, Luther Gibson, to the state senate, defeating big farmer Howard Vaughn.

ELECTION VICTORY was nowhere celebrated more jubilantly than in San Francisco, where veteran pro-labor Congressman Frank Havenner was re-elected in the face of one of the worst smear campaigns ever tried.

DOWN SAN DIEGO way there was much joy in AFL ranks with the defeat of Cong. Chas. K. Fletcher and election of Clinton D. McKinnon, another good Democrat for the new Congress.

CALIF. PIPE TRADES Council, Northern branch, meeting in Oakland, began steps whereby four Calif. locals, Los Angeles 250, Bakersfield 460, Fresno 246, and Oakland 342, will have jurisdiction over chief oil transmission lines in the state.

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Labor FM Station

Detroit.—After dedicatory ceremonies November 13, the United Auto Workers (CIO) new FM station will begin broadcasting over a 50 to 75-mile radius in December, the union announces. Ben Hoberman of Station WELL, New Haven, Conn., will direct WDET-FM, as the union station is called.

Steel represents 85% of U.S. basic processed materials.

They Said It Would Protect Labor in the END!



Nonfarm Employment at 45,864,000; 5-Mo. Upward Trend Should Continue

Washington.—Nonfarm employment reached a new high of 45,864,000 as of mid-September, continuing the steady rise over the past 5 months, according to estimates of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The BLS said that indications point to still further gains in 1948 due to the expected pre-Christmas upturn in business.

Contract construction employment leveled off in September, having reached its seasonal peak somewhat early this year. Totaling 2,225,000, construction employment was at a peacetime record and 150,000 above the September, 1947, level. Several of the building material industries, such as lumber, brick, cement, lime and gypsum, reported some downturn during the month.

LARGEST INCREASE Largest increase during the month took place in the manufacturing industries, where a gain of nearly 200,000 workers brought employment to over 16,600,000, a new peacetime high. As production for the fall and winter season turned upward, all but 4 of the 20 major industry groups reported some increase in employment.

Except for the lumber industries, all of the hard goods groups added workers during the month. Despite the slight contraseasonal decline, employment in the lumber group was nearly 100,000 above the yearago figure. The automotive industry reported a small increase during the month but employment failed to regain the level reached earlier in the year. Operations were hampered during the month by a shortage of castings normally supplied by a strike-bound firm.

SAVE A LIFE—Under modern traffic conditions, it's the responsibility of every motorist and every pedestrian to be his own life guard.

FOULED SPARK PLUGS Misfiring of an automobile engine due to fouled spark plugs is often caused by use of a poor grade of lubricating oil in the crankcase. Fouled spark plugs waste fuel and power.

INSPECTION PAYS—Frequent inspections of steering, lighting, ignition and other vital equipment of your car may forestall expensive repair bills.

RELIEVE ALL BRAKES—When automobile brakes are being relined, all four wheels should be included. Otherwise uneven braking may result.

PREPAREDNESS—Expect the unexpected when you drive in traffic. Keep alert; don't be caught unprepared.

ACCELERATE SLOWLY—Slow, smooth acceleration and driving evenly saves gasoline and improves car performance.

DECREASE IN JOBS Employment in the textile and leather groups decreased contraseasonally in September. Cotton, woolen and worsted mills, and shoe factories were unable to hold the gains made last month as new orders did not materialize in expected volume. The apparel group fared somewhat better, but the increases were small and chiefly confined to the women's clothing and house-furnishing industries.

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Christmas Food Package Announced by CARE

New York.—A traditional "turkey and trimmin'" Christmas dinner package for hungry families of Europe is available for overseas delivery at a cost of \$15, according to an announcement by CARE, the overseas relief organization.

The nonprofit, government-approved agency, officially called the Co-operative for American Remittances to Europe, Inc., pledged holiday delivery on orders received up to December 15.

Steel represents 85% of U.S. basic processed materials.

ILGWU Members Approve Union Shop; Vote 42,061 to 448 in Big NLRB Election

New York.—Members of the AFL's International Ladies Garment Workers Union here made a mockery of the Taft-Hartley law's requirement that the majority of an employer's workers must approve a union shop.

In the largest election conducted by the National Labor Relations Board, over 42,000 ILGWU members voted almost unanimously for the union shop. Of the 47,000 eligible members of the union's Cloak Joint Board, 42,061 voted for the proposal while only 448 registered opposition. Another 1,000 ballots were either void, incorrectly marked, or challenged, a union spokesman said.

Ordinary union shop elections are held on an individual shop basis, but an over-all referendum is permitted under NLRB rules if 30 per cent of the voters request it. The joint board flooded the NLRB with worker petitions and arranged with Charles T. Douds, regional director of the labor board, for the industry-wide poll.

MAJOR VICTORY

Israel Feinberg, general manager of the Cloak Joint Board, hailed the outcome as a major victory for the union. He declared that "the results are a manifestation of the solid support the joint board has among its affiliated workers." "In votin this way," he went on, the workers have expressed their resentment against the union-busting efforts of the Taft-Hartley law. The vote is a warning to reactionaries in and out of Congress that the labor movement intends to fight against this vicious legislation until it is repealed."

Under the Taft-Hartley law the closed shop—which permitted employers to hire only union members—was abolished. In its place the union shop—which allows employers to hire skilled non-union workers provided they join the union within 30 days—was allowed as the maximum form of union security.

SAN JOSE.—California game laws should be changed to permit the killing of does for a 10-day period following the end of regular deer seasons, says the California State Game Commission.

The resolution was approved at the Grange annual convention held here October 23 and 24.

TERMINAL ISLAND.—Deep sea anglers caught a total of 581,310 fish off the California coast during the month of July, according to reports submitted by party boat operators to the Division of Fish and Game.

In July, 1947, records show only one sport fisherman in 1000 caught a prized albacore. This year, one out of 28 anglers landed an albacore, says the Bureau of Marine Fisheries.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Although October 31 marked the end of California's summer trout, salmon, and Rocky Mountain whitefish season, anglers will be able to try their luck on winter runs of steelhead trout and salmon beginning November 1, reports the Bureau of Patrol, Division of Fish and Game.

Wardens this month sighted large numbers of sea-run trout and salmon returning to their coastal stream and inland river spawning areas, with indications of a generally good winter season.

3-YR. AGREEMENT

Late in July the union and four manufacturers' associations signed a 3-year no-strike agreement assuring a quarter-century of labor peace in the cloak and suit industry. The union shop provision, now that it has been approved by the workers, will be written into the contract.

SIGNALS TO BE POSTED

A builder must: (1) Post a sign or placard in front of each housing structure or on the construction site, during construction and during the period of offering to veterans. Such placard or sign must contain, legibly, the rent or sale price of the unit or dwelling;

the fact that the accommodations are offered for rent or sale exclusively to veterans or their families for the prescribed period; and the name and address of the person authorized to sell or rent the housing accommodations.

REFERRED

The referendum followed an intensive "get-out-the-vote" campaign by the cloak joint board. It sought to reach its members in 600 different shops by means of radio talks, newspaper advertisements, leaflets, shop and mass meetings and individual consultations with local officials and organizers.

Workers of all kinds turned out for the election. They included cutters, finishers, operators, pressers, sample makers, tailors, button-hole makers, examiners and floor workers. They came from 7 locals of the joint board. Thirty-two thousand of them were from New York.

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Take any other steps which are customary in the community for making a public offering of housing accommodations.

(4) If the dwelling remains unsold and the seller lowers the original offering price, he must reoffer the dwelling to veterans for an additional seven (7) days' period before it can be offered to the public. This applies also to subsequent resale of such houses at any price.

PENALTIES

Violation of this law, Jordan pointed out, is a federal offense and a convicted violator is subject to fine and imprisonment. Complaints

With Local 890



**General Teamsters,
Warehousemen and
Helpers' Union**
Local 890
274 E. Alisal St.
Salinas, Calif.

The people went to the polls on November 2 and decided that the present administration is good enough for the country. The only change necessary was the removal of the "do nothing" 80th Congress. That has been changed to such a degree that the Democratic administration has a Democratic House and a Democratic Senate. We will now try to rectify and put into operation some of the things that the 80th Congress failed to do, among which are lower prices through price control if necessary, housing for all, civil rights, fair employment practices and the repeal of the Taft-Hartley Law. Those are the important issues which the 81st Congress will be confronted with when it convenes in January.

Our hats go off to President Truman, who practically conducted a battle by himself in his election to the Presidency of the United States, in spite of tremendous odds.

Here in Monterey County we should start preparation immediately so that the proper ground may be established for the final removal of Bramblett two years hence for the 11th Congressional District. The same fight will have to be conducted in the instance of the Senatorial District. Mr. Weybright will never do labor any good — organized or unorganized — so long as he remains in office. So the fight continues. Only through registering and voting when the time comes will we be able to succeed and make progress and defeat individuals who are concerned with the interests of select few. We refer to Big Business rather than the interests of the common man and woman who make up this Nation.

Labor has won a victory and it is up to Labor to shoulder its share of the burden so that we may continue to defeat our enemies and help our friends.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

Your Union is again opening all of its contracts as they come due, for the purpose of asking for additional hourly wage increases. The fourth round is no doubt in the offing and as these contracts expire you will be called to special meetings in preparation for negotiations for a new agreement wherever it is warranted.

RETAIL FURNITURE INDUSTRY

This contract is in the process of being signed, covering 12 furniture houses. Wages, hours and conditions of employment are comparable to those in San Francisco. Wage increases in some of these houses were as much as 50¢ per hour for drivers. The minimum rate for drivers is \$1.625; warehousemen, \$1.40; vacations with pay and other conditions beneficial to the men employed in the retail furniture houses.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

Many of our members who are employed at plants covered by Industrial Accident Commission laws are being forced into the loss of their rights through paid settlements because they fail to secure representation by Counsel. May we remind all of our members that we have a staff of competent attorneys in San Francisco to handle all such cases.

In the event you become injured on the job, please report the incident to the Union so that we may have a record of it at the office and the claim can be filed with our attorneys. It is very important that all accidents be reported to the office of the Union so that a complete check may be kept and that you may be protected.

REMEMBER THE COMMUNTY CHEST. Contribute generously. This agency divides its funds with hundreds of relief agencies throughout the country as well as local communities.

Remember to pay your dues on or before the 1st day of the month in order to remain in good standing with the Union. No member is entitled to benefits unless he or she is in good standing.

Our next meeting in Monterey will be held Thursday, November 11, at 8:00 p.m., at Bartenders Hall, 315 Alvarado Street. It is important that all members in the Monterey area attend.

The following cab companies are one hundred per cent Union and merit your patronage: Salinas Cab Co.; Carl's Cab Co.; Packard Cab Co.; Checker Cab Co.; Yellow Cab Co. No other cab companies are Union.

Purchase gasoline and oil at Firestone Tire & Service which is one hundred per cent Union. This plant is located at Monterey and San Luis Streets.

Two vulcanizing shops are organized. They are Don Hultz and Harry Rhoades. Please have your recaps done by these two houses where members of our Union are employed. PATRONIZE UNION SERVICES.

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CARPENTER ROUNDUP

TO MEMBERS OF CARPENTERS UNION 925:

Plans are being made for a Blue Print reading class at the Salinas Evening School shortly, the class for members of Local 925. All members of Local 925 interested in the course are urged to register at once at the union's offices, according to George R. Harter, union business agent.

Registration in the blue print class is limited and those interested should inform the union at once. Exact time for the night classes has not been announced. Harter said.

Armistice Day (Thursday, November 11) is a holiday for union carpenters in the Salinas area under terms of the contract with Associated General Contractors, Harter reports.

Pat J. Haley, contractor in Salinas in former years, has announced plans to begin again in the home construction field. He will start several new homes soon in the Glen Haven Park district, the union has been informed.

Negotiations will be under way and cards will be mailed to all members in the event we wish to call meetings for your approval.

TO ALL MEMBERS IN THE PRODUCE DIVISION:

The lettuce season is coming to an end and we advise you to check the seniority lists to make sure that your seniority is in order and that you are placed in your proper place. If these seniority lists are not posted contact the Union at once so that we can arrange to have up-to-date seniority lists posted on the bulletin boards. Also those members in the produce industry who will go to Imperial Valley of Phoenix, you may keep your insurance in good standing in this local by paying \$6.00 in advance covering you for six months. This is in addition to any insurance you might have in Local 898 after you transfer into that area.

At a very successful meeting of the produce drivers on Monday, October 25th, proposals for the new contract were drawn up and agreed to for the 1949 season. This Union urges all produce drivers who may go to other areas to transfer into the local union in that area so they may service you and take care of any of your grievances while you are temporarily in their jurisdiction.

Vegetable Harvesting Company covering the mechanics, tire and greaser men in the El Centro, Hollister and Salinas area have just completed a contract with this Union for the coming year. Welders and mechanics will receive \$1.75 per hour; tire men and greaser and washer men, \$1.475 per hour. This amounts to 10¢ per hour increase in all classifications.

Contracts signed this week were Del Monte Properties covering the construction drivers giving our members the A.G.C. agreement plus two weeks vacation with pay and good liberal sick benefits given and paid for solely by the company. Del Monte Properties has its employees' welfare at heart because of its liberal sick and death plan and insurance which covers all their employees at no cost to the employees whatsoever. Other employers that this Union has contracts with might investigate Del Monte Properties plan and voluntarily give their employees the same liberal benefits.

FURNITURE DIVISION—RETAIL The Union wishes to notify all its members that all retail furniture stores are now 100% union, both the warehousemen and truck drivers and are under contract with this Union. We urge all our members to patronize the following firms:

Lyons, Union, Standard, Kotich, Majestic, Alisal, Empire, Anthony Pettit, Andersons Salinas, and Kersh Furniture Stores.

The contract covering these employees is as follows: drivers, \$1.625 per hour; retail helpers, \$1.50 per hour; warehousemen, \$1.40 per hour; also vacations with pay and the 8 hour day.

Remember that the following cab companies are union and merit your patronage and we ask all our members that when in need of a cab, call the following companies: Yellow and Checker, 7337; Salinas and Carl's O, 5565; Packard, 8001.

You will notice on the above list of union cab companies that the names of Texhoma, City or Dependable cab companies do not appear, so we urge all our members to guide themselves accordingly and patronize only those cabs that display the Union Label or shop card.

The Union wishes also to remind all its members that Firestone Service Station is 100% union from the gas islands back to the vulcanizing department and is the only gas station in Salinas that is union. We urge all members to purchase gasoline from a union firm. Along with the tire division, the Union has under contract Don Hultz and Harry Rhoades. Other tire companies are non-union and do not merit your patronage.

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LABOR COUNCIL NOTES

Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Union
Salinas, California

William G. Kenyon, Secretary

Chartering of an AFL Teachers Union in Salinas was announced to the Central Labor Council at last week's meeting by Fred Clayton and Frank Woodworth, who are handling the organizing effort for the teachers.

Bros. Clayton and Woodworth asked the labor council for assistance in their program and a committee of Albert Harris and E. L. Courtright was named by the council to support the new group.

The council also voted to accept the new union as an affiliate and to waive per capita tax for three months to give this much financial assistance.

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Support of the Alisal Youth Council was voted by the labor council at a recent meeting, the council voting a \$25 donation and delegates present giving another \$20 in a free-will offering.

In addition, the council voted to investigate reason for the Alisal Youth Council being left out of the local Community Chest budget.

New delegates to the council include:

Carpenters 925 — Donated \$25 to Alisal Youth Center.

Plasterers 763 — New AGC agreement signed, creating \$2.50 hourly wage for plumbers.

Laundry Workers 258 — In negotiations for new agreement.

Painters 1104 — Donation of \$10 voted to Salvation Army.

Teamsters 890 — New agreement for drivers employed by retail furniture stores calls for \$107 monthly increase, agreement signed with Del Monte Properties and includes sick leave and paid vacations.

rivers from forwarding a government check from one address to another. It must be delivered to the address on the check.

Checks which cannot be delivered will be returned to the Treasury Department and held there until the veteran submits a change of address to the San Francisco Regional office of the Veterans Administration.

Pay your dues on or before the 1st day of every month and not later than the 15th to keep your insurance in good standing; also wear your monthly union button in a conspicuous place for all to see; that is a sign that you are receiving good wages, hours and working conditions.

The drive for the Community Chest at this time is now in full swing and it is the duty of each and every member of this Union to donate freely as this is for a worthy cause and benefits all of our people and especially the children throughout the year in the boys and girls scouting activities, along with the YMCA. Again we urge you to contribute to the Community Chest.

A veteran whose eligibility for dependents upon the health of the local community," Fay W. Hunter, Regional Director of the Federal Security Agency, emphasized today in underlining the major findings of the recently published report, "The Nation's Health—A Ten-Year Program," made to the President by Federal Security Administrator Oscar R. Ewing.

More than a million and a half World War II veterans were reported in training under the G.I. Bill on September 30, 1948.

Of the 1,563,000 trainees, 897,500 were enrolled in schools and colleges, 267,000 in institutional on-farm training and 389,000 in job training.

On that date, 202,000 disabled veterans were in training under the Vocational Rehabilitation Act (Public Law 16). The total included 77,500 in schools and colleges, 34,500 in institutional on-farm training and 90,000 in job training.

QUESTION: What are the deadlines that apply if I wish to take my training under the provisions of the G.I. Bill at a later date?

ANSWER: You may apply for training within four years from July 25, 1947, or within four years from the date of your discharge or separation from the armed services, whichever is later. You must finish your training by July 25, 1956.

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Records to be placed in the file — only if the file already has been established — should include a certified copy of the public record of marriage; certified copies of previous marriages and copies of court records of divorce or annulment; copies of birth certificates of all children under 18, and a copy of the veteran's birth certificate.

The veteran's claim number should be written on all papers to insure positive and ready identification.

Dependents of veterans of both World Wars may be entitled to death benefits. Monthly amounts of compensation and pension vary according to the number and relationship of the dependents.

Plastic bowling pins which won't wear down (like maple) soon will be on the market.

"Although induction into the armed forces constitutes a first enlistment, Section 9 (g) (1) of the Selective Service Act provides for an enlistment of not more than 3 years," Mr. Salyers said. "An inductee, after serving 21 months, may without loss of reemployment rights extend his period of active duty for a maximum of 15 months, provided there is no break in the continuity of his service."

Salyers pointed out, however, that subsequent reenlistment would constitute a waiver of reemployment rights.

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MINUTES

Bldg. Trades Council

Meeting called to order by Chairman John Alsop at 8 p.m. October 21, 1948.

Roll call showed 15 delegates from 8 local unions present.

Minutes of the previous meeting, October 7, 1948, read and approved.

Credentials for the following Brothers, Charles Parman, Isadore Gonsalves and George Turner from Local Union No. 62 were read, but as none of the Brothers were present, the organization board could take no action.

All bills were read and ordered paid.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter from Restaurant Employees Local Union No. 483 concerning a request for funds for the Community Chest read and filed. A letter from the Monterey County Central Democratic Committee requesting funds noted and filed. Two weekly newsletters noted. A letter from the California Labor League concerning voting information, read and filed. A letter from the Dept. of Industrial Relations concerning a hearing to be held Nov. 10, read and filed. Minutes of the Santa Clara County Building Trades Council noted and filed. A letter from the State Building and Construction Trades Council concerning a meeting to be held in Fresno Nov. 27 and 28, read and filed. A check from Pile Drivers Local Union No. 34 received, after discussion it was moved (Hastey), seconded (Thomas) and carried we return this check and notify Local Union No. 34 how much per capita they should pay.

Bro. Plapp suggested we ask Local Union 34 to send a delegate from their membership working in this district and pay on the men employed in this district.

It was moved (Fales), seconded (Long) and carried we send a delegate to the State Bldg. Trades meeting to be held in Fresno Nov. 27 and 28. At this time the regular order of business was suspended and Bro. Gilmore, a retired carpenter, spoke briefly on Proposition No. 4 and the need for an adequate old age pension. Bro. Gilmore was excused.

BUSINESS AGENT'S REPORT

Bro. Miller reported on his activities since returning from his vacation.

Bro. Bolin reported on his activities during Bro. Miller's absence. B.A.'s report was accepted.

REPORT OF UNIONS

Carpenters Local Union No. 1323; Bro. McCulloch, good meeting.

Brickmason L. U. No. 16: No report.

Electricians L. U. No. 1072: Bro. Fales, good meeting, education movie shown.

Laborers L. U. No. 690: Bro. Casati, election held in planing mills. No report of outcome.

Lathers L. U. No. 12: No report.

Painters L. U. No. 272: Bro. Bolin, good meeting; five new members.

Plasterers L. U. No. 337: No meeting.

Plumbers L. U. No. 62: No meeting.

Roofers L. U. No. 50: No report.

Sheet Metal Workers L. U. No. 304: No meeting.

TRUSTEES REPORT

It was moved (Thomas), seconded (McCulloch) and carried that the Trustees report be concerned in. This report concerned a request for a raise in pay for the Secretary and recommended the Recording Secretary receive \$30 per month and the Financial Secretary \$20 per month hereafter.

NEW BUSINESS

Bro. Casati suggested we select an Executive Board at this time, and the following members were selected for the Executive Board. Carpenters: McCulloch; Electricians: Fales; Laborers: Casati; Lathers: Benge; Painters: Grubbs; Plasterers: Stewart; Plumbers: Long; Roofers: Smith, and Sheet Metal Workers: Isakson.

The financial report was read and approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY FOSTER,
Recording Secretary.

AFL Transport Drivers Win Wage Increase

Newark, N. J.—Over 6,000 members of the AFL's Amalgamated Street, Rail and Motor Coach Employes Union received a 13-cent hourly wage boost under an arbitration award handed down by a panel appointed by Governor Alfred E. Driscoll. The workers are employed by the Public Service Co-ordinated Transport Company.

The award is retroactive to April 1, when a contract between the company and the union expired. Beginning April 1 there will be an additional increase of 2½ cents an hour until October 31.

The panel granted operating employees four additional holidays, increasing the number to six, but denied requests for more liberal vacations, additional pension payments, purchase of uniforms by the company and a guaranteed wage for relief drivers.

Inflation harms more people than it benefits — especially workers whose wages never keep abreast with the cost of living.

VET SURVIVORS ELIGIBLE FOR SSA BENEFITS

"An amendment to the Social Security Act of importance to veterans provides for payment to survivors of Veterans of World War II who were discharged from the service other than dishonorable," stated John J. Cassidy, manager of the San Jose Social Security office.

Many veterans lost their insured status or were prevented from acquiring an insured status as a result of serving with the armed forces; consequently, it was found that many of those who died soon after leaving military service were not insured under the Act and no benefits were payable.

By congressional amendment to the Social Security Act, provision is made for the payment of benefits to the survivors of veterans who died within three years after leaving the service regardless of the fact that they may not have worked in employment covered by the Act. Any veteran discharged from the service other than dishonorable who served ninety days or more after September 16, 1940, and before the end of World War II, is considered fully insured and death benefits are payable to the survivors.

The various survivors benefits that are payable are: monthly benefits to the widow who has a minor child of the deceased in her care, monthly payments to children under age 18, or monthly payments to dependent parents. In those cases where no monthly benefit is payable a lump sum payment may be made to the spouse or to the person who paid the funeral expenses.

In addition to the benefits shown above the widow may also qualify for monthly benefits as a result of this provision when she reaches the age of 65, provided she does not remarry.

The amendment limits the specific protection to those cases where the Veterans Administration does not pay any compensation or pension based on the veteran's death.

Many of the survivors of veterans are not aware of the provision, therefore manager Cassidy urges that the survivors of any veteran of World War II get in touch with the nearest office of the Social Security Administration to learn whether they can benefit from this provision.

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